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## REPUBLICS GET AN EVEN SPLIT

Win First and Drop the Second of Series with Strong Cowper Aggregation.

## TRUCKEY LOST THE SECOND

Poor Fielding of Harrier Cost Truck-makers a Victory in the Final Game.

An even split was the best that the Republics got from the Cowpers of Detroit in the week end baseball games, as the first game was won by the Sunday team, and the second by the local team, errors counting all of the visitors runs. The Saturday game came to the Truckmakers 11 to 7, and the Sunday session was dropped 4 to 3, after a great rally in the eighth fell one run short of tying the count.

Olmead went to the mound for the Alma team in the Saturday game, but the veteran hurler lacked the good control that he showed in the Maxwell game, and retired after one-third of an inning, and Blackhall finished the game. "Blackie" hurled a great game, and it was only because of his great work that the Republics were able to turn back the enemy and bring home the long end of the score.

To start the game Olmead walked Somerlott. T. Dugary was hit by a pitched ball. Nichols was hit by a pitched ball. Todd fled out. L. Dugary was hit by Olmead, forcing Somerlott in with a run. Gabler picked out a good one for a hit, scoring T. Dugary and Nichols. Wilson walked. Olmead went to the mound work. Winters struck out. Keene doubled, scoring L. Dugary and Gabler. Somerlott struck out, ending the first inning.

The Republics started right out to get 'em back. Oakes was safe on Somerlott's error. Tooley singled. Hunter fled out. Sherlow walked, and the snags were rocking at each corner. Becker fled out, and then DeVogt landed on one for two sacks, scoring three. Baum fled out.

Both teams went down in order in the second. In the following inning L. Dugary doubled and scored on Winters' single. Sherlow opened the Alma half of the third with a triple. Becker's infield tap went for a hit, scoring Sherlow. Becker stole second and third, and scored on Smith's hit after two had struck out.

In the fourth another came, when Tooley walked and was propelled around the sacks by the hits that Sherlow and Becker smashed out. In the next inning the same thing happened. Smith walked, and hits by Blackhall and Oakes chased him home. Three runs came in the sixth. Hunter singled, as did Sherlow. Hunter was out at third on Becker's fielders' choice. DeVogt was safe on L. Dugary's error, Sherlow scoring. Baum hit a long single, scoring Becker and DeVogt. Baum was out trying to make it a double. Smith was safe on an error. Blackhall grounded out. The final run came in the seventh. Oakes hit, but was out at second on Tooley's fielders' choice. Tooley stole second, and took third on an error, and scored on Hunter's infield out.

The Cowpers started a rally in the ninth, which died, after one run had been scored.

Blackhall was a complete puzzle to the visitors at nearly every stage of the game. Eight men struck out, and only one walked.

COWPERS AB H O A  
Somerlott, 1st 4 1 1 0  
T. Dugary, c 4 0 4 4  
Nichols, 2b 4 1 1 3  
Todd, ss 5 1 2 4  
L. Dugary, m 2 1 2 0  
Gabler, f 4 1 2 0  
Wilson, 3b 4 0 1 1  
Winters, rf & p 4 1 1 1  
Keene, p & rf 4 1 0 1

REPUBLICS AB H O A  
Oakes, ss 4 2 4 1  
Tooley, 2b 3 1 1 2  
Hunter, f 5 1 1 0  
Sherlow, rf 4 3 1 0  
Becker, 3b 5 2 1 1  
DeVogt, 1b 5 1 1 1  
Baum, m 4 1 2 0  
Smith, c 4 1 9 0  
Olmead, p 0 0 0 0  
Blackhall, p 4 1 1 2

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
Cowpers 5 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 7  
Republics 3 0 2 1 1 3 1 0 11

Runs—Tooley 3, Sherlow 3, Becker 2, Oakes, DeVogt, Smith—11; Somerlott, T. Dugary, Nichols, Todd, L. Dugary 2, Gabler—7. Errors: Olmead, Oakes, Sherlow—3; Somerlott 2, Nichols 2, L. Dugary—5. Three-base hits—Sherlow, Todd. Two-base hits—DeVogt, Keene, L. Dugary. Stolen bases—Tooley 4, Oakes 2, Becker 2, Smith, Baum. Sacrifice flies—Becker, Hunter. Double play—Todd to Somerlott. Struck out—By Keene 4, by Winters 1, by Blackhall 8. Bases on balls—Off Keene 4, off Winters 2, off Olmead 2, off Blackhall 1. Hit by pitcher—By (Continued on page six)

## MARRIED

Man of 71 Years Married Here to Woman of 58 Years.

One day last week a wedding, somewhat out of the ordinary, took place in the office of William H. Rogers, justice of the peace, when Solomon Miller, aged 71 years, was united in marriage to Mrs. Harriet Parker, aged 58.

The bride couple was attended by the groom's son, J. M. Miller, of this city, and Goldie Havens of Elwell. With a number, who had not "wise," straining their necks, so that they might better see through an open window in the justice's office, and be convinced that the knot was tied good and tight, looking on, William H. Rogers, justice, asked the groom all of that old stuff, about "Do you take this woman \* \* \*," and received an affirmative reply.

To Mrs. Harriet Parker he addressed his next words, "Do you take this man, etc., etc." In a timid, half-frightened manner, she looked at him and said, "Uh huh," and the knot was tied and joy reigned in the justice's office.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Miller will reside on the groom's farm in Seville township, it is understood.

## FIVE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Alma People Were Hurt When Auto Went into Ditch North of Shepherd.

Five Alma people were injured Saturday evening north of the village of Shepherd, when an automobile in which they were riding went into a ditch, and turned turtle.

Those injured are: Keith Pratt, who suffered a broken left arm and dislocated shoulder. Arthur Dumas, who suffered a broken arm.

Glennie Smith, badly bruised and suffering from cuts. Sarah Miller, badly cut knee which required fifteen stitches.

Mrs. Hazel Cunningham, broken collar bone and arm, and internal injuries.

The young people had started to drive to Blue Lake, and had reached a point just beyond Shepherd, when Keith Pratt, who was driving the automobile, was forced to turn out for another automobile. As he rounded the other car, it is believed the automobile skidded, and it went into the ditch. As it went into the ditch the top scraped against a telephone pole and was smashed, and as the automobile made its plunge it turned over with its five occupants.

Medical aid was quickly summoned from Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd, and the injured were given first aid. A local ambulance was called to the scene and the injured were returned to their homes in this city, where the broken bones were set.

It is understood that Mrs. Cunningham is internally injured and that her condition is serious.

## OPEN STATION

New Gas Filling Station Was Opened Here Tuesday.

J. H. Stickney and J. J. Swarthout opened their new gas filling station at the corner of Pine and East Superior streets Wednesday morning with gas selling at far less than it has been sold in the city for some time past, and it is understood that the new venture is also forcing down the price of Standard Oil company gasoline in Alma.

The large 12,000 gallon tank was put in place last week, and connected with a pipe line leading to the Pere Marquette sidetrack south of the roller mills, and Tuesday a carload of gasoline was piped into the tank, permitting the station to open.

The men have erected a temporary structure to serve as their headquarters until their new building can be constructed, which will be only a short time it is said.

The men are handling the Texaco gasoline and oils at the new filling station.

## PROGRESSING

Preliminary Work for Railroad is Now Being Done by Engineers.

A conference of those interested in the Michigan Northern Railroad was held in Detroit Monday, with the engineers of the road, Esselstyn, Murphy & Hanford, at which time it was decided to put on another crew of engineers to facilitate the preliminary work which must be done in getting things into shape for the actual work of construction of the new road.

It was announced that in about ten days one of these groups of engineers would be in Alma to go over the proposed right of way, and take up such other preliminary work as was needed here.

Friday evening a big mass meeting was held in St. Louis, and the citizens of that city waxed warm over the prospects of the coming road. Judge Charles Haight of Lansing, was the principal speaker at the St. Louis meeting.

Fred Newgreen of Lansing, a former resident of St. Louis, is in Alma this week representing the Michigan Investment company. He expects to make this city his headquarters.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe.—77-f-e

## TO START SYSTEM HERE NEXT WEEK

Alma's Pure Well Water Supply Will Be Connected Up With the Mains.

## WILL PURIFY WATERMAINS

It is Expected that it Will be a Week Before the Water is Fit to Drink.

Within the course of the next ten days it is now expected that Alma citizens will be able to avail themselves of Alma's pure well water supply, which is expected to be turned into the mains of the city sometime during the first of the coming week.

When seen this morning William E. Reynolds, city manager, was still in doubt as to the exact time that the water would be turned into the mains because of the amount of work that must still be done, which may be subject to delays because of rains and other causes. There seem to be no doubt in his mind, however, but that the water would be turned on the first of the week. He would not, however, make any definite promise regarding it.

Just what kind of a solution will be used in purifying the water mains is not yet known, as the city manager has not yet heard from the state in regard to this matter. He stated this morning, however, that it was probable that chlorine would be used. He stated that this would speedily kill all bacteria in the mains, and sterilize them. He was asked, how long this would take, and it was said that it would not take over a few days for this to be done. It will be necessary to have to open all hydrants, and flush them out before the water is used. He said that the people of the city could materially aid in this work, by flushing out their own hydrants, which would do away with the river water then in the pipes, and also allow the water containing the chlorine to work out of the mains and leave them fresh and pure.

Alma's new water system and pumping station were started months ago, and the work has proceeded slowly until this spring, when William E. Reynolds became city manager. He has devoted a great deal of time to this work, especially in securing the material which was needed for making the proper connections, and in getting the pump and putting it in place.

His work has been done so well that he has now got the system into such shape that Alma will have pure well water in her mains, some months earlier than had been anticipated by the former city engineer, whom Mr. Reynolds succeeded a few weeks ago.

The people of the city are cautioned against drinking the water during the first of the week, or during the time that the mains are being treated, as the chlorine in the water, will give it a very unpleasant taste. It will probably be just about a week before the water will be suitable for drinking purposes.

## TO BAY CITY

Undeclared International Team Will Meet Republics There.

The Bay City Internationals have challenged the Republics for a game in Bay City Sunday, and the local Republics have accepted the invitation of the Bay City nine to go to that city, and learn something about the game.

The Internationals claim that they have not been defeated during the past three years and now think that they have a team of Ty Cobbs, which can easily take the measure of the Republic aggregation. As a result they have offered to allow the winner to take all of the gate receipts, figuring of course that the aforesaid receipts will remain in Bay City.

About the time that old Republic gets cranked up, with the gears shifted into high, there promises to be some well worn tracks around the paths between sacks on the Internationals field, as there is bound to be something doing, very soon after the Truckmakers warm up in the practice before the game.

## BABY SHOW

Large Number of East Alma Babies Examined at Annual Event.

The East Alma baby show, held on Tuesday and Wednesday, saw a number of the little tots entered for the prizes which were offered. On Tuesday thirty-eight babies were entered and yesterday the number was increased.

The prizes for the prize winners are to be announced at an entertainment to be held at the Eastminster chapel next Wednesday, July 2, at which time a musical program will be given. A lecturer from the state board of health will also be present.

The medical director will make the report of the examination of the babies entered in the show. A photo of the prize winning babies will be taken, as well as one of all babies entered in the contest.

The meeting will commence at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday.

## DIED HERE SUNDAY

Mrs. Mary E. Losey died at the home of her son, J. T. Losey, Sunday evening, lacking just a month from being 73 years of age. On Monday the body was taken to Oxford, Oakland county, where she was held July 27, 1916, where the funeral was held Tuesday. Mrs. Losey had been with her son for some little time previous to her death, and had gained a large number of friends in this city. The body was accompanied to its final resting place by the son and his entire family.

The new J. M. Montigel block near the corner of East Superior and Pine streets is rapidly nearing completion and it is expected that the veteran implement merchant will move to the new place within the next ten days or two weeks.

## CABARET HERE

Enlarged Quarters of DeLuxe Store Will Permit Dancing.

The DeLuxe Candy store is being enlarged this week, and when the work is completed, which will be within the next few days, Alma will have its first cabaret, where it will be possible for anyone to enjoy dancing at any time, day or night, that this popular place is open.

A room about twenty-four feet square is being fitted up to the rear of the present store, which will have a fine dancing floor. It will be decorated in such a way that it will be in keeping with the balance of the store. The room will be large enough to accommodate about ten couples on the floor at one time.

Music for those who desire to dance, while enjoying themselves at this popular spot, may be had from the player piano which the store has had almost since the time that it opened. A nickel in the slot will cover the cost of a dance for all those who will be able to crowd upon the floor.

## FOURTH CELEBRATION TO BE IN ST. LOUIS

Sister City is Planning a Big Time for 'Hundreds Who are Expected There.

The eagle will scream on July 4, in St. Louis and all Gratiot county is preparing to move on that city early in the morning of the glorious holiday, and join Alma's neighbors in making the 1919 celebration one long to be remembered.

The celebration is being held in that city this year, through a custom adopted years ago, at which time it was decided that Ithaca, St. Louis and Alma should hold the celebration once each three years. Until the great world war this practice continued, but with the need of explosives to send over the lines at the Germans, the celebration was held in abeyance last year. Now St. Louis is to hold the delayed good time, and is preparing to outdo herself in entertaining the county on the anniversary of the birth of the nation.

A committee has been working for some weeks to make the 1919 celebration the finest that has ever been held in the county, and judging from advance notices, and bills, St. Louis will turn the trick.

A big parade is planned for the forenoon. In the afternoon there will be a stellar attraction in the way of baseball, with two of the fastest teams that have ever played in this section of the state meeting there. In the evening one of the most beautiful displays of fireworks that the county has had, will be seen.

All during the day there will be a large number of free attractions, that cause fun, joy and amusement for the old as well as the young. The St. Louis committee feels that it has a great program for the day, and that there will not be a dull moment from the time the sun rises on the Fourth morning, until midnight ushers in the new day.

## MURDER IS CHARGE

Frank Roberts of Mt. Pleasant in Jail For Death of Wife.

Frank Roberts of Mt. Pleasant is confined in the Isabella county jail at Mt. Pleasant, charged with having placed a cup of poison at the bedside of his wife, about a month ago.

Roberts was arrested the latter part of last week as a result of some information let drop by a young son of the man. It is said that following his arrest, Roberts admitted to the police that, as his wife was suffering from an incurable disease, and had begged him to give her poison, that he had mixed up some Paris green in a cup, which he placed by her bedside. He is also alleged to have stated that he then left the room, but that later he returned with his young son, and waited at the bedside for the end to come.

Following the arrest of Roberts last week the body of the wife, Kate Roberts was exhumed the first of the week, for an inquest held Monday, at which time Coroner M. F. Brondstetter announced to the coroner's jury, that the woman's stomach, contained a large quantity of Paris green.

The case is attracting wide attention because of some of its unusual features, and has stirred Mt. Pleasant and Isabella county more than any case that has come up in that county in years.

## MAY BUILD THIS YEAR

There is a big possibility that the Standard Oil company may erect its contemplated building for its central Michigan headquarters in Alma this summer. Definite word to this effect is still lacking, but the fact that switch tracks are being laid to the company's property on the bank of Pine river would indicate that such was to be the case. Charles Plowman, the company's representative here, was seen the first of the week, but at that time had no knowledge of the immediate intention of the company to build its contemplated plant in this city.

## ANOTHER SPEEDER FINED

Howard Wilson of St. Louis was arrested Thursday night by Oscar Vibber, chief of police, for speeding on Michigan avenue. Friday Wilson went before D. L. Johnson, justice of the peace, where he paid a fine of \$1.00 and costs of \$3.75.

## MERGER TO TAKE PLACE TUESDAY

Union and Bell Lines in this Section of the State Will Be United.

## UNION TO CONTINUE HERE

Gratiot County Will Be Entirely Unionized Under the Plans of the Merger.

Tuesday, July 1, the long delayed merger of the Union and Bell Telephone companies in this section of the state will be brought to completion, and the Union Telephone company will be the one which will take over the lines of its business rival in Gratiot county.

For the present it will be necessary for the Union Telephone company to operate both offices just as they are, but as quickly as possible all telephones will be brought under the one system so that the patrons of one of the present systems may hold local telephone communication with patrons of the other. It will require the services of a number of men and a large quantity of material to effect these changes, and it is almost impossible to tell how long it will take to make the needed changes to give all local patrons the one service. It might be a month, or two months or even three months, and possibly still longer. Until such a time patrons of the lines will be able to talk with only parties having the same phone.

The present plan is to bring all local phones to the one board in the Union Telephone company's office in the Pollasky block, and to switch the toll lines all to the Bell office in the Opera House block, with trunk lines running between the two offices.

It is understood that it is the ultimate plan of the company to construct an office building in this city, in which both offices will be merged at a later period. How soon this will be done, however, is a question. It certainly is something that is still months away, in view of the great amount of work that the company must do in quickly connecting the lines of the two companies under one system locally, in each of the places where it is taking over the Bell interests.

The merger affects the telephone systems in several counties in this section of the state. The Union Telephone company will take over all of the Bell interests in Gratiot, Ionia and Shiawassee counties, and a greater part of Ionia and Mecosta counties. The Bell will take over the Union exchanges at Fenton, Midland, Clare, Harrison, Coleman and Farwell.

## COUNTY SYSTEM

Supervisors Expected to Take Action to Bring About an Early Vote.

With the board of supervisors in session for several days, it is confidently expected in many parts of the county that action will be taken by the board, which will cause the question of the county road system to be submitted to the voters of Gratiot in the near future.

Because of the need to get under this system, if the county is to reap the full benefits which are to be derived from the state and federal road aids, it is expected that the supervisors will submit the proposition to the voters of the county at a special election, rather than to wait for the next regular election.

Judging from reports from many sections, the county is now almost a unit in favor of the county plan, as its residents are now thoroughly awake to the advantages which may be acquired under this system, which cannot be obtained under the present township road system.

The Supervisors voted Tuesday to make the road matter a special order of business for Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock. It is understood that the vote is expected to be close on the matter, although it is believed that enough favor the matter to carry it. Frank F. Rogers of the state highway department is expected to be present at this meeting of the board and to talk on the benefits which are to be derived from the county system.

## LOSING MONEY

Inspector Advises Use of Italian Bee Stock and Young Queens.

Many beekeepers of the state are losing as high as one-third of their possible income because of the use of old queens and queens of poor stock, declares B. F. Kindig of M. A. C., State Inspector of Apiculture. Michigan queens are as a rule rather low in quality, and the importation of good breeding stock is necessary.

"I know of one beekeeper in the state who lost not less than \$2,500 last year because of poor queens and black blood," says Mr. Kindig. "The proportion of scrub bees is as large as the proportion of scrub cattle, and a similar loss results. The queen is usually the deciding factor in the honey business, and Michigan farmers cannot afford to breed from anything except good Italian stock."

"It is out of the question for beekeepers to buy all the queens they need. They must raise most of them from breeders which have been bought from the best of Italian stock."

A young Italian queen at the head of a colony will control European Foul Brood, and practically guarantee a successful crop."

## THIRTY-FOUR TO GRADUATE

Class Smaller Than Those of the Past Few Years at the High School.

## EXERCISES ARE HELD TONIGHT

McKenny, President of Michigan State Normal Gives Commencement Address.

The thirty-first annual high school commencement week opened Sunday evening with the baccalaureate address in the Presbyterian church by the Rev. James S. Raum, pastor of the Church of Christ, and will close this evening, when, following the commencement address by President McKenny of the Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti, the diplomas are presented to the thirty-four graduates by Otto Sanderhoff, president of the school board.

The baccalaureate address on Sunday evening, was one that was full of thought for the young men and ladies, who are leaving high school, at this time when there is a world wide demand for trained minds and bodies. The text on which the message was based was, "Who knows but that you are here for just such a time as this."

In opening his address Rev. Raum called attention to the early days of world history, showing the call of Moses for the time in which he lived, to solve a problem that meant much for the future of the world.

Bringing his address down to the present the attention of the audience and particularly of the graduates was called to three great problems, which are confronting the world today, and which must be solved for the welfare of the nations of the earth, as well as for the welfare of the United States.

The first of these was given as the immigration question, which is now assuming a great importance in the United States in view of the unrest which is being manifested throughout the world, and the threat which the immigration of undesirable may have upon this country.

The second problem, an important one, which is confronting the world at the present time is the solution of the Bolsheviki movement, which starting in Russia, has spread over a great part of Europe and Asia, and is threatening to spread its influence to the four quarters of the globe.

The third great problem which was given, was the great labor problem, which is badly in need of a solution.

The address made a deep impression on both audience and the graduates of the class, and held the close attention of both throughout.

Special music was furnished at the Sunday evening service by the church choir under the direction of Professor Hosmer of the college.

Tuesday evening the seniors gave their class play, "Christopher Junior," in the high school auditorium, before a well filled house. The various parts were well taken by the members of the class. The play was given under the direction of Miss Olive Smith.

This evening the commencement exercises will be held in the auditorium with President McKenny of the Michigan State Normal as the speaker. The program for the evening was given in last week's Record.

The list of graduates, who will receive their diplomas at the exercises tonight are: Lester Allen, Grace Beshgetoor, Clarence Black, Alberta Bowman, Allen Bowman, Mildred Carner, George Carter, W. D. Clark, Vileta Clum, Durward Comer, Freda Conley, Donald Dunham, Mildred Harvey, Dale Grover, Bertha Hilsinger, Harry Hooper, Agnes Hudson, Marjorie Jackson, Ward Leonard, Mary McIntyre, Leona McMullen, Nellie Naylor, Frank Notestine, Ward Pembroke, Amy Presler, Louise Sawkins, Virginia Sawkins, Ruth Shultz, Margaret Shaver, Oneita Stevens, Elsa Struble, Donald Sullivan, Deolah Townsend, and Carl Wood.

Best candies. DeLuxe.—77-f-e